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III

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE TO
DISCUSS THE DEATH OF A STUDENT WHO WAS DENIED ADMISSION
INTO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

[*Note.*—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

* Mr. SATYAMURTI:—"I rise to ask for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the death of a student at Madras who was recently denied admission to the General Hospital. I have got a written statement. I will only add that I am following the House of Commons practice, when after question time, since the answers to my questions are wholly unsatisfactory, I want to move the adjournment of the House in order to focus the attention of the House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"May I point out to the hon. Member that the custom is that no business is done on the day the financial statement is presented. I do not see how the business of the Council could be adjourned. The hon. Member can bring it on the next occasion, as there is no business this afternoon after the financial statement is made."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"That makes it easier for me in substance, Sir. In form, there is nothing against my making this motion. In substance, if to-day afternoon is free, it makes it easy for both the Government and our benches, as we can discuss this matter to-day without depriving either the Government benches or the non-official gentlemen of the time which they might otherwise have set apart for business."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"My difficulty is that there is no business in the afternoon."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"That does not matter, if I may say so respectfully. I do not know if the eloquence of the hon. the Finance Member will take us till the afternoon or not. It may or may not. I am now moving for the adjournment of the business of the House. The Standing Orders and the Rules do not contemplate that the afternoon business of the House shall stand adjourned."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Will the hon. Member kindly say how it is a matter of urgency? The member has made a statement and that statement is before the House. How is it a matter of urgency?"

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"I shall make my submission. With all respects to you, Sir, I may say this is a matter of urgency. Here is a case of the death of a student. The Government say that they don't consider it necessary to take steps to stop such things in future. I want to prevent more deaths."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Then the hon. Member will have to modify his statement. Because, if he says that he wants to move for the adjournment in order to call the attention of the House to the death of a student who was refused admission, I am afraid I cannot admit it. He is now modifying his statement and saying that he is moving the adjournment in order to call the attention of the House to a statement made by the Minister and the reasons given by him."

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* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am adding the words 'and the statement made 11-45
by the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government in answer to questions a.m.
on the matter in the Council to-day'."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member can refer to the state-
ments made and not to the death."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I will, Sir. I have modified the motion thus :
'to wit, the statement made by the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Govern-
ment in answer to questions on the matter in the Council to-day with regard
to the death of a student who was recently refused admission in to the
General Hospital'."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member might specify that state-
ment, because it must be a definite matter. I must point out to the hon.
Member that he would have done better if he had given notice of this motion
before I came into the House. The matter has been sprung upon me suddenly.
All these modifications of the motion might have been made before coming
into the House."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I make a submission, Sir? This question
was orally answered, or rather answered as oral questions are usually
answered, and not until 11 o'clock when I came to this House, did I know
that this question was going to be answered. Therefore the necessity for
moving an adjournment did not arise till now. But in view of the answers
of the hon. the Minister to the supplementary questions, I have to do so.
I apologize to you, Sir, for my inability to give earlier notice. It is
not due to want of will on my part but due to inability."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. Member kindly make a
substantially definite statement on the subject matter of the motion?"

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI (passing on his modified statement said) :—" I am
sorry, Sir, it is badly written. I write a bad hand usually and to-day it is
worse. But I shall read it: 'to wit, the statements made by the hon. the
Minister for Local Self-Government in answer to questions on this matter,
especially, that the Government do not therefore propose to take any special
action in the matter' in the written answer to clause (e) of the question
(No. 1484-A)."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have received a statement from the hon.
Member Mr. Satyamurti, and he asks leave to make a motion for adjourn-
ment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent
public importance, viz.—

*The statements (especially that the Government do not propose to take
any special action in the matter) made by the hon. the Minister for
Local Self-Government in answer to a question in the Council to-day,
with regard to the death of a student who was recently refused
admission in the General Hospital.*

" I have only to see whether it is in order. I think it is in order, and
having read out the statement, I shall ask whether the hon. Member has the
leave of the House, especially whether objection is taken by any hon.
Member."

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* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think that there is any special urgency about it. As a matter of fact, . . ."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" On a point of order. No speech is allowed, Sir, at this stage."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is the hon. the Raja of Panagal objecting ?"

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes, Sir. I object."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As objection is taken, I have to ask whether a sufficient number of Members support the motion. (After counting the Members who rose in their seats). As more than twenty Members have risen, I direct that the motion be taken at 2-30 p.m. to-day."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—" What about the other rule that we are not to meet after the Budget speech ?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" There is no rule. That point ought to have been raised earlier."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—" I thought that the President himself would have raised it, Sir."

IV

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts which were passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the following dates :—

The Indian Ports (Amendment) Act	...	13th January 1926
The Andhra University Act	...	14th January 1926 "

V

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have also to announce that the Madras Borstal Schools Act which was passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 22nd February 1926."

VI

BUDGET FOR 1926-1927.

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" Mr. President, it is my duty, Sir, to place before the Legislative Council the Budget Estimates for the financial year 1926-1927 and, in doing so, I propose to adhere to the established convention under which this House is invited first to attend the final obsequies of the last completed financial year and then to hear how the current year has been conducting itself before passing on to the somewhat more speculative region of our prospects and intentions for the year to come.

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counts,
1924-
1925. " Our point of departure is, therefore, the final accounts of 1924-1925 which closed with a revenue of 1,627.59 lakhs and an expenditure of 1,657.07 lakhs, the deficit thus being 29.48 lakhs.